

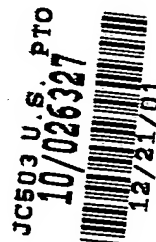
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In re Application of:)
Brian Thornton)
Serial No.: To be assigned)
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Docket No.: RR1731)
Title: "Flexure Design And Assembly)
Process For Slider Leading Edge)
Using Solder Filled Bond")
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